

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 61

Adopted in Assembly April 23, 1998

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Adopted in Senate June 11, 1998

Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this____ day of _____, 1998,
at ____o'clock __M.

Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER ____

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 61—Relative to the federal naturalization process.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 61, Ducheny. Federal naturalization process.

This measure would memorialize the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to ensure that available resources are directed and any additional funds as needed are appropriated to eliminate, within 10 months, the current backlog in naturalization applications; to ensure that, without harm to the integrity of the naturalization process, all future applications will receive a determination within 6 months of their date of application; and to refrain from the consideration of any increase in naturalization fees until the present backlog is eliminated and resources are committed to ensure that future applications will be processed within 6 months of their date of application.

WHEREAS, The attainment of United States citizenship is recognized by many legal immigrants as a key to full participation in civic life; and

WHEREAS, There presently exists a backlog of 700,000 naturalization applications in California awaiting processing—some for as long as two years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California encourages the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to ensure that available resources are directed, and any additional funds as needed are appropriated, in order to eliminate, within 10 months, the current backlog in naturalization applications; and be it further



Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to ensure that, without harm to the integrity of the naturalization process, all future applicants for naturalization will receive a determination within six months of their date of application; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to refrain from the consideration of any increase in naturalization fees until such time as the present backlog is eliminated and resources are committed to ensure that future applications will be processed within six months of their date of application; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

Attest:

Secretary of State

